

Ponzi Remembered As Hero In Mining Village In Alabama

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 12.—Charles Ponzi, who admitted yesterday he had served a term in the Atlanta federal penitentiary, worked in the office of the record keeper while in the penitentiary here and was cited for his quickness at figures and for his quickness to make money when he got out, according to A. J. Alderhold, record keeper.

Alderhold said he could not positively identify Ponzi without the identification measurements, but that the man whom he was the same man from the pictures and descriptions of him. He went on to tell about him, describing also how he gave skin to a young woman in Alabama after he was released here.

"We never had a man who was more help to us in the office," stated Alderhold, "of never knew him to be a thief or a cheat, and he never made a mistake. He was always connecting some peculiar scheme to make money."

"One of the first things he did was after he was released from prison in 1912. He went to a little mining village in Alabama by the name of Boston and the people in that town will never forget him for the deed which he did there to save the life of a young woman."

This young lady had been badly burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove and the doctors declared that the only way to save her life was to graft skin on the burned places. Ponzi volunteered to do the doctors' task and from his body and 27 inches were removed from his thighs. He came out of the hospital two weeks later and the doctors came to him and said that more skin would be necessary. He did not hesitate a minute, but allowed them to take 50 more inches, this time from his back. The citizens of Boston endeavored to bring the matter before the Carnegie here, but nothing ever came of that matter, I believe."

CITY CLUB WILL STAGE BIG SATURDAY OUTING

There will be no regular weekly meeting of the city club this week, and no bulletin will be issued, according to an announcement sent members by the entertainment committee, who state that the big barbecue is to be held on Saturday.

The place selected is Hide-a-Wee, a little cottage across the highway from Boston college, and is 28 miles out. Members are asked to drive by way of Raleigh, Bartlett, Elendale and Brunswick, and they "can't" miss it. A baseball game between members of the club will be a feature of the day, and swimming will be had in abundance. At 4:30 a ball game is scheduled between the Tribe of Ben Hur, of Memphis, and the Boston college team.

Members with cars are asked to be at the Chamber of Commerce at 11:45 with their guests, and to take some members who have no cars to the scene of the festivities.

CAN GIVE 15 PER CENT OF INCOME TAX TO COLLEGE

It is reported at headquarters of the "New College for Memphis" campaign that 15 per cent of income taxes can be deducted and accredited to philanthropy. A \$1,500 subscription reduces a \$10,000 income to a status of \$8,500. No doubt is expressed as to the success of the "New College for Memphis" campaign which will be conducted this fall during which it is proposed to raise \$500,000. The Southwestern Presbyterian university will come here and combine with the new college. It will bring an annual endowment of \$200,000 and a fund of \$1,000,000 will be raised outside of Memphis.

The part that Memphis will be asked to subscribe will hardly be more than a substantial pledge that the college will be welcome and appreciated. A member of the campaign committee, Thursday.

DYSENTERY EPIDEMIC WEAKENS POLISH ARMY

PARIS, Aug. 12.—An epidemic of dysentery has broken out in Poland, according to American Red Cross reports, and is spreading rapidly, weakening the army and increasing the sufferings of the population. Sanitary trains are bringing thousands of sufferers from the front and numbers are dying on the way. At one American Red Cross station, where some 4,000 men are received, four-fifths of the arrivals are suffering from dysentery, it was stated. Among the refugees the death rate is heavy, numbers dying by the roadside.

DE SOTO WADING POOL DEDICATED ON TUESDAY

Official dedication of the wading pool in DeSoto park is to take place next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Mayor Payne will make a short talk, turning the pool over to the park commissioners. A. L. Parker will accept for the commission.

Judge Israel Perez, representing the Lions club, will also speak. The Lions club was instrumental in securing funds for the erection, acting with the Fort Pickering Improvement club.

SALESMAN DIES

James F. Banner, 32, died at the Baptist hospital Wednesday night following a short illness. The body was sent from the parlors of Thompson Bros. to Bristol, Va., for burial. Mr. Banner had been a traveling salesman for Binwanger & Co. for three years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Banner, and a daughter, Mary Helen Banner.

BABY DIES IN HOSPITAL

Funeral services for the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hancorn, of Marentia, Miss., who died Wednesday evening at the Baptist hospital, are to be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Stoneville cemetery, near Leavelle, Miss., where the body was sent Thursday morning via the V. & N. Y. railroad.

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dent, C. Eugene Johnson, nationally known aviator, has been secured as flying superintendent and superintendent of the repair department. Johnson is a native of Arkansas, and is well known in every section of that state where his work during war days and as exhibition flyer later won for him the nickname of "Jazz" Johnson.

Johnson started the aviation world a little over a year ago by being the first man and so far the only one to fly from a flying plane into a river. The feat was performed at Lake Norair, near the bridge that spans the Arkansas river at that point. Later he performed the stunt at Fort Worth, Texas, for the movies.

In a recent article on aviation Maj. Arnold N. Kroger, commanding officer at Liberty field, Ark., stated that Johnson was undoubtedly the greatest exhibition flyer he had ever seen, and that he placed more confidence in Johnson's ability as a pilot than any flyer he had come in contact with during his extensive experience in the air service.

Johnson has located permanently in Memphis and has been selected one of the directors of the Memphis Aerial company.

MEMPHIS LADS AT CAMP AND HEAR COX SPEAK

Two Memphis youths, Sergeant Philip Herlein and Private John A. Motley, of Company 1, Memphis national guards, are at Camp Perry, Md., participating in the national rifle matches with 12 other Tennessee guardsmen and also listening Thursday to the address of the late Mr. Cox, Democratic presidential candidate, who started his campaign at the camp.

Herlein and Motley won their way to camp Perry by expert shooting while at state guard encampment at Knoxville, Tenn., in July. They are competing against regular army riflemen and friends predict they will make a good showing.

Motley is only 17 years of age, but of robust build, and if his eye is kept in good condition, it is predicted another year or two of guard work will make him one of Uncle Sam's expert riflemen, which includes those who make more than 25 out of a possible 500 points in rapid fire and slow fire at different ranges.

BOYS' CORN CLUB ENDS CAMP AT NORMAL SCHOOL

The Shelby County Boys' Corn club, which has been in camp on the Normal school campus since Monday, was to conclude its stay there, and to break camp Thursday afternoon. The members have spent a very profitable four days, judging pedigreed cattle and hogs, and studying the agricultural system in use at Normal. They have had the use of the new swimming pool at Normal, and several picture shows were staged for them.

Just before the camp is broken, the three winners of the judging contests will be announced. These three will represent Shelby county in the judging contests to be held at the Tri-State Fair.

ASKS KIWANIS CLUB TO AID RIVER MOVEMENT

In speaking before the Kiwanis club Wednesday, Milton H. Hunt, who was speaker of the day, stated that the thing that was holding Memphis back more than any other was neglecting possibilities of river traffic. He urged the Kiwanis club to co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce in putting a river program over that will build and boost Memphis.

Entertainment for the meeting was rendered by Miss Mae Kelly, and the attendance prize was won by Walter Hunter. It was a smoking stand, donated by T. J. Beasley.

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